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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Pastor Janet Hodge, Sr. Pastor
Crawford Memorial United Methodist
3757 White Plains Rd., Bronx N.Y. 10467.

2 [sound check, pause] [background
3 comments, pause] [background comments]

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
5 can I have your attention please? Can I please have
6 your attention? At this time, quiet please, quiet
7 please. [gavel] At this time, please place all
8 electronic devices, all electronic devices to
9 vibrate. Will all non-Council employees, non-Council
10 employees please leave the main floor of the
11 chambers. There is additional sitting upstairs in
12 the balcony.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Can we close the
14 doors please and everyone have their seats. May we
15 come to order. Everyone please find a seat. Those
16 in the balcony, there's plenty of seats.

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: If you're standing in
18 the back, please find a seat.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
20 [pause] [shushing for quiet] All rise for the Pledge
21 of Allegiance.

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise. [Pledge of
23 Allegiance]

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.
25 Roll call.

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2 CLERK: Barron. Borelli. Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

4 CLERK: Chin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

6 CLERK: Cohen.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

8 CLERK: Constantinides. Cornegy.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here.

10 CLERK: Crowley.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

12 CLERK: Cumbo. Deutsch.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

14 CLERK: Dromm.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

16 CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here. Eugene.

18 Ferreras-Copeland.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Here.

20 CLERK: Garodnick.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

22 CLERK: Gentile.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

24 CLERK: Gibson.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

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2 CLERK: Greenfield. Borelli

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

4 CLERK: Grodenchik.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

6 CLERK: Johnson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

8 CLERK: Kallos.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here. [background
10 comment]

11 CLERK: King.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

13 CLERK: Koo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

15 CLERK: Koslowitz:

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

17 CLERK: Lancman.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

19 CLERK: Lander.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

21 CLERK: Levin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

23 CLERK: Levine.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

25 CLERK: Maisel.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

3 CLERK: Mealy.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.

5 CLERK: Menchaca.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

7 CLERK: Eugene.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

9 CLERK: Mendez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

11 CLERK: Miller.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

13 CLERK: Palma.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

15 CLERK: Perkins.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aqui.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER: Aqui. Oh, I like that.

18 CLERK: Reynoso. Richards.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

20 CLERK: Rodriguez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

22 CLERK: Rose.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

24 CLERK: Rosenthal. Salamanca. Torres.

25 Treyger.

2 CLERK: Ulrich.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

4 CLERK: Vacca.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

6 CLERK: Vallone.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

8 CLERK: Williams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

10 CLERK: Matteo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

12 CLERK: Van Bramer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

14 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
17 Chambers. All rise for the Invocation.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: The Invocation
20 will be delivered by Pastor Janet Hodge, Senior, the
21 pastor at Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
22 in the great borough of the Bronx. Quiet in the
23 Chambers.

24 PASTOR JANET HODGE: Spirits of love, we
25 gather in this place set aside for the work of those

2 elected to serve. May this serve in the strength of
3 mutual care, in the power of unity that comes from
4 wisdom, understanding and patience. May every bitter
5 thought and nagging worry be erased by love and
6 desires and gentle inspiration consumed by the sense
7 of privilege to serve. We pray for our city that the
8 needs for all for food and shelter and work so
9 justice and dignity might be met. For the diverse
10 people living here may we all join the efforts to
11 seek the good of all. May vision and hope for the
12 future be clear and all-inclusive filled with
13 compassion, as we move with purpose towards goals and
14 objectives. May their leadership be strong, one that
15 witnesses to bring in unity, peace and equality. Let
16 them be role models for the young and be lights to
17 those whose vision with age is now dimming. May each
18 have the strength to do right, to do good and to seek
19 justice. Help us all to serve each other with
20 integrity in word and deed. We are thankful for
21 their willingness to give of themselves for their
22 commitment to preparing the way to a better future
23 for the city, thus the nation and the world. Help us
24 to be supportive that we may show gratitude just as
25 quickly as we are to show contempt. Spirit of love,

2 be with each member of this this Council and this
3 journey, for their work is not easy and sometimes the
4 journey will be lonely, and sometimes it will seem
5 thankless. Yet, we know that this work is a special
6 privilege. In those difficult times renew in them
7 the desire and passion for the people that move them
8 to serve. Surround them in their homes, their
9 offices, their coming in and going out with the
10 support that they need to keep try to the task that
11 is set before them. For in indeed, they are servants
12 of the people. Amen.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER: Amen.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

16 [background comment] A motion to spread the
17 Invocation upon the record, Council Member Andy King.

18 [Shushing for quiet]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Good afternoon,
20 all. Thank you so much Madam Public Advocate for the
21 opportunity to spread the Invocation upon the record,
22 and acknowledge Pastor Janet Hodge of Crawford
23 Memorial United Methodist in the Williamsburg section
24 of the North Bronx in the Twelfth District. You
25 know, the great things of Pastor Hodge as layperson

2 Janet was a member of Crawford Methodist Church where
3 she served as various ministries, and it's while she
4 was nurturing in this faith, she was called and
5 ordained to this ministry, and she's now the founder
6 of Crawford Saturday Morning Breakfast Program for
7 the needy. We are so happy that she came home to
8 lead this path and—and lead as the pastor of this
9 important congregation for 165 years. In addition to
10 our ministry, the pastor—our pastor has had a
11 successful career, a 25-year in business management.
12 The Pastor has received her Bachelor of Science
13 Degree from the College of New Rochelle and her
14 Masters of Divinity from Drew University, and
15 currently studying for a doctorate at Hartford
16 Seminary. Also, I'd like to just add inclosing that
17 for the past two years being a pastor of this church,
18 she has stepped forward as a sister from the Island
19 of Tahollah in the British Virgin Islands to do all
20 she can for all of our brothers and sisters who have
21 been struggling during this hurricane season. I want
22 to thank her for her leadership. I want to thank her
23 for her partnership, and the drives that we've done
24 in the North Bronx in sending and shipping out
25 materials to our brothers and sisters who are

2 struggling in the British Virgin Islands as well as
3 the United States Virgin Islands. Again, I thank
4 you, Pastor for your day. I thank you for your
5 blessings and I thank you for your guidance, and I
6 thank you for your prayers. God bless.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
8 you, Council Member and thank you Pastor. God bless
9 you. Adoption of Minutes, Council Member Chin.

10 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Anyone
11 standing in the balcony, have a seat, please. You
12 have to have a seat. This is not the way. (sic)

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Those in the
14 balcony, I would ask that you have a seat before the
15 sergeant-at-arms escorts you to the exit.

16 [background comment, pause] [group begins to sing:
17 We who believe in freedom...]

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing]
19 Alright, we thank you for being here with us today,
20 but we do have to move the agenda so we're going to
21 ask if you are going to continue to sing then we're
22 going to have to ask you to leave. [group continues
23 to sing] Alright, so we can clear the Chamber,
24 please. I appreciate it. Thank you.] [group

2 continues to sing] [background comments, pause]

3 [group shouts]

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Adoption of

7 Minutes, Council Member Chin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: A motion that the

9 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 27, 2017

10 be adopted as printed.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. May

12 we have quiet in the Chambers, please. [group member

13 shouts] Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

14 CLERK: None.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication

16 from City, County and Borough offices.

17 CLERK: None.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and

19 communications.

20 CLERK: None.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-

22 Ups.

23 CLERK: None.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
3 Chambers, please. Quiet in the Chambers as we now
4 hear from the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madam
6 Public Advocate and Buenos tardes, good afternoon to
7 everyone. Kicking off today just wanted to announce
8 that the Council released earlier today its
9 Legislative API, which is a platform to provide to
10 the public with a direct source from which to pull
11 data for applications and other civic engagement
12 tools. This method offers the most up-to-date
13 information, and was a key goal in my Council 2.0
14 Technology Road Map to increase access and
15 transparency in government. This has been a crucial
16 next step in increasing access and transparency for
17 this institution, and I want to thank our incredible
18 Public Tech and Digital Strategy Division, and
19 Council Members Kallos and Lander for moving this
20 important act forward, as well as advocates from the
21 civic technology community such a BetaNYC, Council
22 manic and Participatory Politics Foundation for their
23 support. So, thank you for that. Yay.
24 [applause/cheers] Ben is very happy. [laughter]
25 Alright, on a more somber note, our last Stated

2 Meeting had the distinction of being overlapped by
3 (coughs) by a tragic and horrifying attack of terror
4 just blocks away. Our city lost eight visitors and
5 residents on October 31st including Belgian citizen
6 Ann Lori Dekatz (sp?), Argentinian friends: Herman
7 Diego Mendoza, Diego Enrique Angelini, Alejandro
8 Damian Fanutro, Ariel Erlij, Herman Ferruchi, New
9 York Nicholas Cleaves and New Jersey resident Darren
10 Drake. Our thoughts are with their families and
11 friends during this trying time. We want to thank
12 the first responders who were on the scene within
13 minutes, and whose quick actions saved countless
14 additional lives—

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
16 [shushing for quiet]

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --from being
18 senseless—senselessly taken. However, only days later
19 our nation experienced another incident and a
20 historic loss with the mass shooting at Sutherland
21 Springs, Texas, the deadliest mass shooting by an
22 individual ever to take place in the state with 26
23 lives lost, and we just, I think, had another one
24 recently. It's just never ending, and we just cannot
25 get action from this Congress, and it is just

2 deplorable and just unacceptable. So, I want to ask
3 everyone to join me and rise in moment of silence to
4 honor all these individuals here and across the
5 country who were unfortunately touched by all of
6 these tragic events.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise.

8 [moment of silence observed by the full
9 Council]

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, my
11 colleagues. Jumping into our docket today, the
12 Council would begin by voting on rezoning of 3
13 Livonia Place in the Bronxville neighborhood of
14 Brooklyn to allow for the development of a non-profit
15 support housing facility. Next, the Council will
16 vote on Introduction 1722-A, which I sponsored, which
17 would amend the Administrative Code of City of New
18 York in relation to providing notice to Class 2
19 property owners about registration of rent stabilized
20 units and housing affordability programs. Anything
21 we can do to improve the quality and availability of
22 affordable housing options in this city is a move in
23 the right direction. So, I want to thank my
24 colleagues for their support on this item and look
25 forward to its vote.

2 Moving on, the Council will vote on
3 Intros 1528-A and 1707-A both sponsored by Technology
4 Committee Chair Jimmy Vacca, which would update the
5 Open Data Law and extend the time DOITT and the
6 Mayor's Office on Data Analytics have to submit their
7 Annual Compliance Plan. I want to thank on staff
8 Malika Jubali, Patrick Mulvihill and Sebastian Bacchi
9 (sp?) As we move closer to our goal of cutting
10 greenhouse gas emissions in New York City 80% by
11 2050, the Council will be voting-

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
13 [shushing for quiet]

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
15 down, please.

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --on Introduction
17 1637-A sponsored by Council Member Corey Johnson,
18 which would create a long-term energy plan in 2019,
19 and every four years thereafter and establish a City
20 Energy Policy Advisory Subcommittee of the city's
21 Sustainability Advisory Board. I want to thank
22 Samara Swanston, Nadia-Nadia Johnson, John Seltzer
23 and Jim Wilcox,

24 Having received multiple reports in
25 recent years of residents affected by waterborne

2 illnesses from contaminated tanks, the Council will
3 be voting on Intro 657-A sponsored by Council Member
4 Dan Garodnick, which would codify in the
5 Administrative Code the submission requirement that
6 currently exists in the Health Code and require the
7 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to post
8 documentation of annual inspections on its website,
9 and the city's open data portal. The Department of
10 Health and Mental Hygiene would also be required to
11 provide guidance on its site to assist users in
12 determining whether a building is required to have a
13 water tank inspection and to post information on how
14 to submit a complaint about a water tank or water
15 from a water tank to the department. I want to thank
16 Zima Ohalu (sp?) David Seitzer, Crystal Pond, Terzah
17 Nasser, and Andrea Vasquez.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
19 [shushing for quiet]

20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, will you
21 please.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And looking to
23 build upon the initial goals of the Vision Zero
24 program, the Council will be voting on three items to
25 enhance traffic safety around our city. Intro 1116-A

2 sponsored by Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer would
3 codify the Vision Zero View Portal in the
4 Administrative Code, and require the Commissioner of
5 Transportation to publish a map showing the
6 approximate locations of motor vehicle related
7 injuries and fatalities in the city in a manner that
8 allows users to disaggregate crash data by year,
9 month and time of day of occurrence. Additionally,
10 this bill would require the Commissioner to publish
11 summaries of recent design improvements that the
12 Department of Transportation has made to city streets
13 for the purpose of enhancing motorists, passengers,
14 cyclists or pedestrian safety.

15 Intro 1257-A also sponsored by Majority
16 Leader Van Bramer would require the Department of
17 Transportation to develop strategies for enhancing
18 pedestrian and traffic safety near schools (coughs)
19 in the city and to provide report on a bi-annual
20 basis describing such strategies including
21 information on whether the safety strategies have
22 been implemented and their implementation status, and
23 finally, Intro 1463-A sponsored by Transportation
24 Committee Chair Ydanis Rodriguez--

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
3 [shushing for quiet]

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Could we please
6 keep it down? The Speaker is in the middle of the
7 calendar. Thank you.

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --which would
9 require the city to establish an alert system to
10 notify the public and media of hit and run incidents
11 resulting in serious injury or fatality in order to
12 assist in the identification of drivers responsible
13 for these incidents. I want to thank Sylvester
14 Yavana, Kelly Taylor, Malak Nasser Nassereddine, and
15 Jonathan Masserano, Emily Rooney, Terzah Nasser and
16 Andrea Vasquez. Continuing our work to open our-to
17 open Democratic participation to all eligible
18 residents, the Council will vote on Intro 508-A,
19 sponsored by Governmental Ops Chair Ben Kallos, which
20 would require the Campaign Finance Board to create a
21 website and mobile application that allows
22 individuals to complete voter registration forms
23 online. I want to thank Brad Reed, Elizabeth Cronk,
24 Zachary Harris, and Rachel Cordero.

2 In an intimate relationship, both
3 partners should feel safe in the knowledge that
4 sexual photos or vides they may have shared with each
5 other will never be made public without their
6 consent. Unfortunately, as the technology to easily
7 share photographs and videos expands, we are hearing
8 more and more stories of people maliciously
9 distributing intimate photos or videos as a means of
10 punishing a current of former partner. This is
11 commonly referred to as revenge porn, and
12 unfortunately, it is entire legal under state and
13 federal law. Here in New York City we are proud to
14 be taking a stand on this widespread and abhorrent
15 practice. Intro 1267-A, sponsored by Council Member
16 Rory Lancman would prohibit that the non-consensual
17 distribution of sexually explicit videos or images,
18 commonly know, as revenge porn of another person with
19 the intent to cause harm to the individual depicted
20 in such videos or images. The bill would also
21 prohibit any legitimate threats to do so, and create
22 both a criminal penalty and a civil cause of action.
23 I want to thank Beth Golub, Deepa Ambekar, David
24 Seitzer, Brian Crowe, and Robert Calandra.

2 City employees and contractors interact
3 with millions of residents each year from providing
4 services and benefits to processing professional
5 licenses. New Yorkers give their information to the
6 city with the expectation that it will be kept
7 confidential and only used for their benefit. While
8 the vast amount of information the city uses can help
9 in providing better and more efficient services, it
10 can also create serious potential from its use
11 including improper disclosures and needless
12 collection or retention. First announced during my
13 2017 State of the City Address, the following
14 legislative will go far in placing safeguards on the
15 information collected and disclosed by city agencies.

16 Intro 1557-A, which I sponsored would
17 require every city agency to report on their data
18 collection, retention and disclosure policies and
19 current practices. It would also establish a chief
20 privacy officer and interagency committee charged
21 with the review of those reports, and developing new
22 and detailed protocols for protecting identifying
23 information.

24 And Introduction 1588-A sponsored by
25 myself and Council Member Jumaane Williams, which

2 would require city employees and contractors to
3 protect all identifying information including contact
4 information, sexual orientation, religion, and
5 immigration status by limiting its collection,
6 disclosure and retention except where required by
7 law. Requests for the collection or disclosure of
8 identifying information will be processed by a newly
9 established privacy officer within each agency who
10 would analyze whether the collection or disclosure
11 would further the purpose or mission of the agency.

12 Related to our mission to protect New
13 Yorkers as they seek city services, the Council will
14 be voting Introduction 1579-A sponsored by myself and
15 Carlos Menchaca, which would restrict access to non-
16 public areas of city property as well as locations
17 where human services contractors provide services-

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
19 down, please.

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --unless the
21 purpose of the access meets certain criteria. Taken
22 together, these three bills represent an excellent
23 opportunity to further ensure the safety and
24 protection of our residents and their information.
25 So, I want to thank my fellow council members for

2 their collaboration on these items. I want to—we'll
3 hear from them in a minute. I want to thank Indiana
4 Porta and Jim Lee. That's completes the highlights
5 of our docket. I do want to take a moment and again
6 thank all of those council members that did take time
7 go to Puerto Rico Delegation and provide suppliers
8 and water filters and we made deep lasting contacts
9 with organizations doing incredible work that we're
10 hoping that we will continue to build on that
11 partnership moving forward. So, again that really
12 means a lot to me and—and to the island as well that
13 continued partnership. So, I appreciate that. I
14 want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.
15 Look forward to proceeding with today's votes, and
16 with that, end Communication from the Speaker.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
18 Discussion of General Orders beginning with Council
19 Member Rodriguez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
21 Thank you, Speaker and my colleagues for all your
22 support that you are giving to me today as we are
23 voting the hit and run alert. Today, we'll be voting
24 on Intros 1463 the Jim Poguerro (sp?) which will
25 require the city to create an alert system similar to

2 the Amber Alert to notify the public of hit and run
3 crashes. With this, we're going to following Los
4 Angeles, San Francisco and now Philadelphia who is
5 also trying to install similar hit and run alerts.
6 During the Fiscal Year 2016, a total of 44,865 hit
7 and runs were reported and only 510 arrests were
8 made. This year hasn't been the exception. From
9 January 10—from January to September 2017, 42 hit and
10 runs resulting in critical injury were reported.
11 From the data provided through the end of September,
12 only 18 hit and run arrests have been made. Using
13 technology already available to us to make New
14 Yorkers aware of hit and run crashes that results and
15 severe physical harm or death will make all New
16 Yorkers and visitors a resource for the NYPD in
17 finding the suspect. Hit and run is an epidemic that
18 we can eradicate. Today, we are also voting on two
19 more bills that I have the opportunity to be co-prime
20 with my great friend, Majority Leader Van Bramer,
21 which aims to strengthen Vision Zero goals. I thank
22 my staff Jose Lewis, Stephanie Milliano, and Jennifer
23 Martinez and the Transportation Committee staff
24 Malak, Jonathan and Emily. With that, [Speaking
25 Spanish]

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
3 Council Member Johnson.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
5 Public Advocate. This week over 15,000 scientists
6 from 184 countries joined together to issue an urgent
7 warning to humanity about climate change. This
8 notice was issued on the 25th Anniversary of the 1992
9 World Scientists Warning to Humanity, which called on
10 human kind to take urgent action before it is too
11 late. As a coastal city, New York City is the cross-
12 hairs of this crisis, and it is incumbent upon us to
13 lead. Mayor de Blasio and I have—

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
15 [shushing for quiet]

16 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
17 down, folks, keep it down, please.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS 2: Keep it down please.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We apologize
20 Council Member. May we have quiet in the Chambers,
21 please.

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down. May we
23 have quiet, please.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Mayor de Blasio
3 and our Environmental Protection Committee Chair
4 Costa Constantinides have been leading the way in
5 setting renewable energy goals for our city. We can
6 compliment these existing efforts by bringing
7 together a wide range of key public and private
8 stakeholders on a new City Energy Policy Task Force.
9 My bill would bring together a task force that would
10 work with our city agencies to create a long-term
11 energy plan for achieving the clean energy goals set
12 by de Blasio Administration. This plan, which would
13 be updated every four years would include a review of
14 the current energy supply, a summary of current
15 citywide energy demand, and a projection of future
16 citywide energy demand over the next four years. The
17 plan would also include an estimate of renewable
18 energy sources integrated into the energy supply, an
19 accounting of energy efficiency measures that have
20 been deployed in the city and specific
21 recommendations of renewable energy sources and
22 energy efficiency measures that could feasibly be
23 developed or integrated by the city.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
25 [shushing for quiet]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: These steps are
3 necessary for the future of New York. I'd like to
4 thank Speaker Mark-Viverito and Environmental
5 Protection Chair Constantinides for their leadership
6 on this bill. My colleagues have lent their support
7 to this legislation, and all those working everyday
8 both in the public and private sectors to make our
9 city cleaner, more efficient and more sustainable for
10 generations of New Yorkers to come. I ask my
11 colleagues to please vote in favor of this piece of
12 legislation. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
14 Van Bramer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
16 very much, Madam Speaker. Four years ago right
17 around time an 8-year-old boy name Noshat Nahian
18 (sp?) was run over by a truck crossing the Street to
19 get to school at PS-152 in Woodside. His 11-year-old
20 sister was holding his hand at the time. We vowed
21 then to make sure that our schools were safe places,
22 and today Intro 1257, the Safe Routes to School Act
23 will be passed. This is incredibly important and
24 will require the DOT to identify 50 schools that are
25 the most dangerous where there is the most-highest

2 propensity for crashes, injuries and even fatalities,
3 and that you come up with a plan to make those routes
4 to school safer. It is absolutely essential that we
5 save the lives of children, that we don't have any
6 more tragedies like that of Noshat Nahian. I was
7 there with his mother at the vigil a few days after
8 he was killed, and I never want to see another mother
9 in the pain that Noshat Nahian's mother was in after
10 he was killed on Northern Boulevard in Woodside. I'm
11 also proud that we're passing Intro 1116, which will
12 codify and strengthen the Vision Zero Portal, making
13 sure that New Yorkers can see where crashes are
14 happening in their neighborhood, when they're
15 happening, what are the most dangerous intersections.
16 Transparency is key to making our streets safer as
17 well. So, I want to thank the Speaker and the
18 Transportation Chair for working with us on these two
19 very important Vision Zero bills. I thank my staff
20 Matt Wallace and Andre Spejah (sp?) for working on
21 these issues as well, and may the memory of Noshat
22 Nahian be a blessing for all of us. Thank you very
23 much, Madan Speaker.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 Council Member Menchaca.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you,
3 (coughs) Madam Public Advocate, and I'm rising to
4 talk about Intro 1579-A. Our communities are
5 stronger when all residents feel safe and secure
6 while seeking assistance. Intro 1579-A will benefit
7 all New Yorkers no matter their race, their religion,
8 their gender identity, nationality or immigrant
9 status.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
11 [shushing for quiet]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Protecting non-
13 public areas of city property—on city property will
14 create a greater incentive for every New Yorkers to
15 access basic benefits to report crimes in their
16 communities and to preserve their health and
17 wellbeing. We will preserver public safety and
18 protect New York City residents from non-local law
19 enforcement when they are interacting with city
20 government, and seeing New York City is a sanctuary
21 city, and my City Council colleagues and I led by our
22 Speaker are fully committed to protecting our
23 residents. Recent enforcement actions targeting
24 immigrants in sensitive locations have been
25 aggressive and have harmed residents' confidence in

2 public institution, and therefore, harming our
3 ability to have public safety. In our city protect
4 our institutions, and we preserve the right—we
5 preserve public trust in local government and law
6 enforcement. Everything we do everyday is about
7 building trust with communities. This bill extends
8 that, and so, I want to say thank you to the Speaker,
9 India Porta, and the rest of the city led staff that
10 helped make this happen today, and I encourage all
11 our colleagues to vote yes on that bill, and the rest
12 of the package that you heard today.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
14 Council Member Kallos.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you. I—
16 speaking about Introduction 1692 legislation, and
17 I've been able to work with Land Use Chair David
18 Greenfield on. We've been focused on privately owned
19 public spaces—spaces. They're 538 of them in the
20 city attached to 329 buildings. Buildings got to be
21 taller because of these spaces, but often times they
22 don't offer the amenities that were promised. In—
23 earlier this year in Local Law 116 we started the
24 process of regulating them and requiring signs, and
25 this finishes that process by adding penalties of

2 \$4,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for
3 subsequent offenses so bad landlords will actually
4 have to pay. In November we had another election and
5 with every election, New York City hits a new low for
6 voter turnout. Earlier this month just 21% of
7 eligible voters cast a ballot leaving the city near
8 the bottom of national lists for voter turnout. I
9 think it's high time for the city of New York to join
10 the 20th Century now that it's the 21st Century.

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
12 down, please.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
14 [shushing for quiet]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Joining—joining
16 36 states and the District of Columbia in adopting
17 online voter registration where folks could use their
18 phones, their fingers, stylus or even a picture of
19 their signature to register to vote. Folks would be
20 able to use apps like Facebook, Uber, Seamless, you
21 name it to register to vote. This is based on the
22 work of New York State Attorney General Eric
23 Schneiderman, who issued an opinion stating that
24 municipalities such as ours could have online voter
25 registration forms where things could be completed

2 online and then we could then print out the voter
3 registration form and deliver it to the Board of
4 Elections. I'd like to thank the Speaker for her
5 support on this initiative as well as the Committee
6 team, Brad Reed, our Counsel Elizabeth Cronk, our
7 Analyst Zach Harris, our Finance Analyst and my
8 Legislative Director Paul Westrick. Also, I just
9 want to take my last five seconds and thank a number
10 of the members who have been advocating [bell] with
11 commissioners and others and the Board of Elections
12 to try to make sure this happens. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. That
14 concludes Discussion of General Orders. Report of-
15 Report of Special Committees?

16 CLERK: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Well, excuse me.
18 [door bangs] I'm sorry. Council Member Garodnick,
19 we apologize.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you.
21 That's quite alright, and thank you for the
22 opportunity. I'm pleased that the Council today is
23 going to vote on Intro 657-A, a bill that will help
24 to ensure that our drinking water is safe. Water
25 tanks are an essential element of New York City's

2 water infrastructure, and for many residential
3 buildings, it would really hold our drinking water,
4 and therefore, it is critical for the public to
5 understand their condition. Yet, for many years, it
6 was actually impossible for a member of the public to
7 find out whether the water tank providing water to
8 their family was meeting basic maintenance
9 requirements. In fact, you couldn't even get a water
10 tank inspection if you go a subpoena to get one.
11 That is why I passed a bill back in 2009 that gave
12 building residents access to this vital information,
13 proof that inspections were actually done and what
14 the results were. Nevertheless, over time
15 investigations by the Department of Health and the
16 New York Times found that few buildings were actually
17 having their water tanks inspection. Even when water
18 tanks were being inspected, those buildings were
19 largely not posting the required notice to tenants
20 that the inspection results were available if the
21 system was still broken. This law will codify a
22 requirement for buildings to submit annual water tank
23 inspection results to the Department of Health. It
24 will require that the department post these results
25 to its website, and provide guidance to site users

2 about whether a building is required to have the
3 inspection, how to find historical inspection data,
4 and how to file a complaint. It also required the
5 department post this information to the city Open
6 Data Portal, which will better allow the public to
7 access the information. Finally, our bill would
8 require the Department of Health to submit annual
9 reports on water tank inspections to the Council so
10 we can better track compliance ourselves. This bill
11 will make it easy for anyone, anywhere at any time to
12 check that their water source has been inspection,
13 when it was inspected, and what the results were, and
14 it will make it east to know how to complain if
15 there's a problem. With this greater openness, we
16 can together make sure that the water coming out of
17 our taps is as clean as we expect it to be. I want
18 to thank the Health Committee Chair Corey Johnson for
19 moving the bill as well as to all of the staff, and I
20 ask my colleagues to vote in support. [bell] Thank
21 you very much.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. I
23 apologize Speaker. Council Member Lancman.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you. Intro
25 1267 to create criminal—creates criminal and civil

2 penalties for the non-consensual distribution of
3 sexually explicit images, commonly known as revenge
4 porn. This is the kind of legislation that shouldn't
5 be necessary, but is. No one should ever have to
6 worry that intimate images might be shared without
7 their consent, with their family, friends, employer
8 or strangers on the Internet. Yet, more and more
9 women and occasionally men have had their most
10 private photos and videos shared publicly without
11 their consent in an attempt to traumatize, humiliate
12 or punish them. Indeed, domestic abusers are
13 increasingly using the threat of sharing such images
14 to coerce and manipulate victims to stay in a
15 dangerous relationship, to accede custody of shared
16 children or as yet another means to shame and
17 terrorize their partners. As domestic violence
18 offenses have risen New York City this bill is
19 another way to protect these victims from real and
20 long lasting harm. This bill allows prosecutors to
21 criminally punish those who intend to cause harm by
22 sharing or threatening to share intimate images with
23 up to a year in prison. Civil courts will also be
24 able to award damages, and prevent images from being
25 posted or order them taken down and force offenders

2 to pay victims attorney's fees. Today's vote sets the
3 stage for New York City to become one of the largest
4 jurisdictions in the country to criminalize revenge
5 porn. Over the course of this process we have worked
6 with the victims and their advocates, district
7 attorney's offices, the NYPD, and private attorneys
8 to be able to tell any perpetrator who thought that
9 they can get away with this kind of conduct not in
10 New York City. I'd like to thank Vanessa Gibson,
11 Chair of the Committee on Public Safety as well as
12 Brian Crowe—

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
14 [shushing for quiet]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: --and Deepa
16 Ambekar who worked so hard on this legislation.
17 Thank you.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
19 down, please.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Seeing
21 none other, Report of Special Committees.

22 CLERK: None.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
24 Standing Committees.

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Environmental Protection, Intro 1637-A, Energy Policy
4 Subcommittee.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
6 coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Finance, Intro 1673-A, Recording of Real Estate
9 Instruments.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
11 coupled on General Orders.

12 CLERK: Intro 1722-A, Notice to Class 2
13 Property Owners.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
15 coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 1763,
17 Exemption for Veterans.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
19 General Orders.

20 CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 1713 through
21 Preconsidered Reso 1715, Adjusted Base Proportion and
22 Tax Resolution.

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
24 General Orders.

2 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 813 and Reso
3 1718, and Preconsidered LU 18-814 and Reso 1719, Tax
4 Exemptions.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
6 General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on-on
8 Governmental Operations, Intro 508-A, Voter
9 Registration.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
11 coupled on General Orders.

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
13 Health, Intro 657-A, Water tank Inspections.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
15 coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
17 Immigration, Intro 1557-A, 1579-A, 1588-A, Handling
18 of identifying information and access to city
19 property.

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
21 coupled on General Orders.

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
23 Use, Intro 1692-A, Technical Corrections to Local Law
24 116.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
3 coupled on General Orders.

4 CLERK: LU 784 and Reso 1720, Special
5 Permit.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
7 General Orders.

8 CLERK: LU 787 and LU 788, Zoning
9 Amendments.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Approved with
11 modifications and referred to the City Planning
12 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
13 the Council and Section 197-d of the New York City
14 Charter.

15 CLERK: Excuse me. LU 789 and Reso 1721,
16 Sidewalk Café.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
18 General Orders.

19 CLERK: LU 791 and Reso 1722, Property
20 Acquisition.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
22 General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 792 and Reso 1723 through LU
24 795 and Reso 1726, various applications Council
25 District 41.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on

3 General Orders.

4 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 815 and Reso

5 1727, Landmark Designation.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

7 [shushing for quiet]

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on

9 General Orders.

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Public

11 Safety-

12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,

13 please. Keep it down.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

15 [shushing for quiet]

16 CLERK: Intro 1267-A Prohibiting

17 Disclosures of Intimate Images.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and

19 coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on

21 Technology, Intro 1528-A, Public Data Sets.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and

23 coupled on General Orders.

24 CLERK: Intro 1707-A, Amending Open Data

25 Standards.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
3 coupled on General Orders.

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
5 Transportation, Intro 1116-A, Mapping Motor Vehicle
6 Related Injuries.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
8 coupled on General Orders.

9 CLERK: Intro 1257-A, School Safety
10 Report.

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet.
12 Please quiet down.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
14 coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Intro 1463-A, Public Notification
16 of Hit and Run Incidents.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
18 coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar,
20 Resolution Appointing Various Persons Commissioner of
21 Deeds.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: General Order—I'm
23 sorry, Commissioner of Deeds. Coupled on General
24 Orders. I ask for a roll call vote. I'm asking for a
25 roll call vote on all General Order items.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Can we begin with
3 Council Member Cohen. [shushing for quiet]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you, Madam
5 Public Advocate. I vote aye on all items on General
6 Orders.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Borelli.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all
10 except Preconsidered Reso 1713, 1714, 1715, and
11 Intros 1557, 1579 and 1588. Thank you. [background
12 comment]

13 CLERK: Cabrera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Chin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to
17 explain my vote.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Well, first I
20 wanted to congratulate all my colleagues on passing
21 important legislation, and on a personal note I
22 wanted to thank all my colleagues for your support,
23 help, and warm wishes in my re-election campaign.
24 Thank you. I vote aye on all.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 [background comments]

4 CLERK: Constantinides.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Madam
6 Public Advocate, may I be allowed to explain my vote?

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I just
9 want to congratulate all my colleagues on the passage
10 of their bills today. In particular, I want to
11 single out Council Member Johnson for Intro 1637-A
12 relating to an Energy Policy Advisory Subcommittee.
13 As we look to reduce our emissions 80% by 2050, we
14 need to identify renewable energy sources and how
15 they'll work in New York City. And then secondly, I
16 want to congratulate Council Member Kallos on online
17 voter registration, an issue that he and I have
18 worked on together for over 10 years as young
19 attorneys, and now being in the Council I'm proud to
20 vote aye today. So, aye on all.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 [background comments]

23 CLERK: Cornegy.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Cornegy.

25 [background comments]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Uh-[laughter] I
3 vote aye.
4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, you do.
5 [laughs]
6 CLERK: Crowley.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye on
8 all.
9 CLERK: Deutsch.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.
11 CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote
13 aye on all.
14 CLERK: Dromm.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you. I vote
16 aye on all.
17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
18 CLERK: Espinal.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye on
20 all. Congratulations to my colleagues especially Ben
21 Kallos. Thank you.
22 CLERK: Eugene.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.
24 CLERK: Garodnick.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Gentile.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye on all
4 with congratulations to all.

5 CLERK: Gibson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
7 all, and with my warmest congratulations to all of
8 our colleagues passing legislation today, wishing all
9 of you and your families a wonderful and blessed
10 Thanksgiving season. May God bless you and keep you.
11 I vote aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 CLERK: Greenfield.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I say amen to
15 Council Member Gibson, and I vote aye on all the Land
16 Use Call-Ups and all items on the General Order
17 Calendar, and happy holidays as well.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: You have to say
19 it with some soul.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [laughter]
21 Maybe Jumaane can join me if we do a little rendition
22 of happy holidays. [laughter] Come on, Jumaane.
23 Ever since he became a Speaker candidate, just hasn't
24 had the same foil. (sic) [laughter] f

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Continue with the
3 vote. [laughs]

4 CLERK: Grodenchik.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: If it's an
6 assemblyman, he's not necessarily going to. If
7 Council Member Greenfield keeps it up, I'm going to
8 start singing and then no one will be happy. I just
9 want to congratulate all my colleagues on the bills--

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
11 [shushing for quiet]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: --that
13 they're passing today, and I'm especially excited
14 about making voter registration easier in the city of
15 New York. I want to ditto to my colleague Ms.
16 Gibson, and wish everybody a very, very happy and
17 joyful and meaningful Thanksgiving, and remember
18 still that there are many people in this city that do
19 not have enough to eat on Thanksgiving or any day of
20 the week. With that, I vote aye on all.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen.

22 CLERK: Johnson

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

24 CLERK: Kallos.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you for all
3 the well wishes and partnerships through the years.
4 I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: King.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations to
7 every one today. Wishing everyone well, and I vote
8 aye on all.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Koo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Happy holidays and
12 happy Thanksgiving. I vote aye on all.

13 CLERK: Koslowitz:

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye and
15 wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving.

16 CLERK: Lancman.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Aye.

18 CLERK: Lander.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I'm also very
20 enthusiastic about online voter registration. So,
21 congratulations, Ben. I want to say thank you to the
22 Speaker for the very powerful trip that we had in
23 Puerto Rico and the real extraordinary set of
24 organizations we saw on the ground. The devastation
25 is heartbreaking, but the resilience is even more

2 inspiring. So, thank you for organizing the trip. I
3 vote aye on all.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Levin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Levine.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Maisel.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

11 CLERK: Mealy.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I explain my
13 vote?

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. [shushing
15 for quiet]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Today, we are
17 approving an affordable and supportive housing
18 development at 3 Livonia. This project will bring
19 125 units of affordable and supportive housing all
20 below 60% AMI. When this project first was planned,
21 it was 100% supportive housing and 100% studios. I
22 fought a hard—I fought hard to make this development
23 more inclusive and diverse by incorporating
24 affordable housing and larger units for families.
25 This project will be approved with units of 2, 3-

2 bedroom apartments for families, supportive and
3 affordable. Overall, this—less than half of this
4 project's units will be studios now. I also fought
5 for commercial space, and community recreation and
6 culture funding from other developments in the
7 community as part of this project. Breaking Ground
8 also has agreed to pursue a credit union and a ground
9 floor tenant, and the administration has agreed to
10 provide funding to support the operation of a boxing
11 gym and reinvest in the Brownsville Recreation Dance
12 Studio. This project will now bring affordable and
13 supportive housing and essential community services
14 to this property on Livonia Avenue that has been
15 vacant for decades. I want to thank Uma from the
16 Mayor's Office. I want to thank my colleague, co-
17 leader Mark Treyger, Council Member Annabel Palma,
18 Steve Cohen and the Chairs Rafael Salamanca and David
19 Greenfield and in particular for their support. I
20 want to thank Raju and Ami Levitan and Ben Kallos for
21 their support. With all of these improvements that
22 have been made to this proposal I am now in favor and
23 urge my colleagues—colleagues to do so also. And one
24 thing that I do want to say it's a slippery slope
25 when we go against one another. So, I just thank all

2 my colleagues for being patient and supportive
3 because we should be a family.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Congratulations.

7 CLERK: Menchaca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Permission to
9 explain my vote.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. I
12 want to thank and congratulate Council Member Mealy
13 on her victory and land use—her land use victory
14 today, and all my—my colleagues who proposed amazing
15 legislation today, and especially the three, 1537,
16 1579, and 1588 package that's going to help all New
17 Yorkers. I also want to thank the Speaker for
18 leading the contingency, the—the—the group of Council
19 members that went out and saw first hand the
20 devastation in Puerto Rico. The work that we did
21 there was—was—was small, but it had a big impact not
22 just on the people that we saw everyday, the
23 testimonies that we heard everyday, but in our
24 hearts. And I hope that those memories will stay
25 with us as we continue to fight for Puerto Rico, the

2 U.S. Virgin Islands and everyone impacted by natural
3 disasters. We are recovering still today from Sandy.
4 This body continues to lead that effort here in our
5 own back yard.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
7 [shushing for quiet]

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
9 down, please. Keep it down.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: But I will say
11 that I hope this Council continues. The Speaker is
12 proud of her heritage where she was born in Puerto
13 Rico, and that is not by accident. It is who she is
14 that is the power of the voice that we have here, and
15 I hope that we can continue and we will continue to
16 fight for Puerto Rico. I also want to thank the
17 Mayor and his team. We got to see first hand the
18 Office of Emergency Management in the Parks
19 Department who have been there since right after the
20 storm. Team 7 just got transitioned in, and will be
21 there for the next two weeks, and I hope that we
22 continue to make it a priority for New Yorkers who
23 have so many families that are living here to lift up
24 the voices of Puerto Rico as they continue to in this

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2 humanitarian crisis, recover and—and respond. Thank
3 you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Mendez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Miller.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: (coughs) Miller.

9 [pause]

10 CLERK: Council Member Miller.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member--

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I'm right here

13 (sic)

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. What is—you

15 vote aye?

16 CLERK: Palma.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [off mic] Aye.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Perkins.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Reynoso.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Congratulations

23 to Council Member Darlene Mealy and her district, and

24 I vote aye on all.

25 CLERK: Richards.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Rodriguez.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Rodriguez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I would
6 like to ask permission to vote on all General Orders.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
8 down, please.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ? Aye.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

12 CLERK: Rose.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to
14 explain my vote.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Congratulations to
17 Council Member Mealy and to Council Member Lancman on
18 Intro 1267. I believe that this legislation is
19 protecting the privacy of residents of New York City
20 from what I-I perceive as a hate crime. I'm going to
21 vote no on Preconsidered Resolutions 1713, 1714, and
22 1715, and aye on all others--on the others.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Rosenthal.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
3 explain my vote.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you. I
6 vote aye on all and I want to congratulate all my
7 colleagues on some really astounding legislation this
8 time around, Council Member Lancman and Council
9 Member Kallos in particular. I also want to thank
10 the Council and Council Member Ferreras-Copeland and
11 also the General—the Counsel to the Finance
12 Committee, Eric Bernstein and my Legislative Director
13 Sean Fitzpatrick for shepherding through my bill that
14 will protect homeowners from having the deed to their
15 property stolen from out under them. And lastly, I
16 want to echo gratitude to our Speaker Melissa Mark-
17 Viverito, who offered to all Council Members to join
18 her on a relief mission to Puerto Rico to see towns
19 that—that are—are—have been decimated by the
20 hurricane, and who—towns that are really being
21 abandoned their government. And so, we saw the
22 resiliency of the Puerto Rican people who are working
23 together to organize community kitchens, working
24 together to allow for the distribution of the water
25 filters that we brought and the small solar panels.

2 I-I will-I'm-I've already started speaking with
3 members or residents on the Upper West Side to help
4 make sure that we direct them to-

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
6 [shushing for quiet]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: -donate to-

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
9 please.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: -organizations
11 that are truly getting help to the people of Puerto
12 Rico, and I-I want to express again my gratitude to
13 the Speaker for giving us the opportunity to join you
14 on that trip. [bell]

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Torres.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
19 you.

20 CLERK: Treyger.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: With
22 congratulations to my colleagues on their bills, and
23 also another big kudos to my [bell] co-chair of the
24 Brooklyn Delegation, Council Member Darlene Mealy for
25 scoring a major victory in the bottom of the ninth

2 inning for her—for her district near the—near the
3 11th hour and near the end of her tenure in this
4 Council. Congratulations colleague. I vote aye on
5 all.

6 CLERK: Ulrich.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
8 with the exception of Preconsidered Reso 1713, 1714,
9 1715, and also voting no on Intro 1557, 1579, and
10 1588-A. Aye on all others. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
12 you.

13 CLERK: Vacca.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Explain my vote?
15 I'm going to vote aye on all except 1713, 1714 and
16 1715. I vote no on those with the hopes that this
17 will promote a discussion of the need for immediate
18 relief for and one and two-family homeowners and co-
19 op and condo owners in this city. I'm aware that we
20 have lawsuits and we have task forces, and everybody
21 says that the real estate formula for taxation is
22 inappropriate, is terrible and is really
23 confiscatory. Yet, nothing is done. For three years
24 knowing that we're going to have these lawsuits and
25 long discussions, I have asked that we reinstitute

2 the \$400 rebate for homeowners that existed
3 previously because these homeowners have been taxed
4 to the hilt. Small property owners and senior
5 citizens and immigrant families taxed to the hilt.
6 So, we are told that this Council has never raised
7 the rate. I'm here 12 years. In 12 years the
8 Council raised the rate once. I voted no, but the
9 body raised it once. All the other increases were
10 based on assessments going up. So, we say we never
11 raised the rate. You're getting these bills and
12 you're pay more, but it's not us. No, it's not us,
13 but the people are still paying more. The new
14 Council taking Office in January I hope will fight
15 for that rebate, go to Albany and get the whole
16 message we need and finally do something in the
17 interim, and not use the pretense of the pending
18 lawsuits and the pending committees that will be
19 formed. That's much to do about nothing when it
20 comes to short-term relief that our people are
21 entitled to. Talking about fighting for the middle-
22 class, well, talk is over, and I do think now that
23 what we've tried to do here for three to four years
24 has finally got to be done until we have a long-term
25 solution. Thank you.

2 CLERK: Vallone.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: May everyone
4 have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving and aye on all.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you.

7 CLERK: Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
9 excused to explain my vote?

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: First, just
12 congratulations to all my colleagues, but
13 particularly to Council Member Mealy on the victory
14 she scored and to Council Member Kallos on an awesome
15 bill, and also Council Member Lancman on an awesome
16 bill, which I was shocked to understand wasn't even
17 legal. It wasn't—it wasn't illegal up until now.
18 So, congratulations to them. On the package of the
19 bills that I'm a part of I want to thank Council—
20 Council Member Menchaca and the Speaker for their
21 help and leadership, and also for Menchaca for
22 painting this rightly as a public safety package.
23 When residents and people who live in a community
24 can't trust their government and the agencies, we are
25 all in danger. We're in a time period now where that

2 fare is pervasive across this country. So, the bill I
3 have will ensure that collections, closing, and
4 retentions all identifying information would not be
5 allowed unless it furthers the mission of an agency
6 or it's required by law and creates the position of a
7 privacy officer to analyze whether the collection or
8 disclosure meets the new standards set forth in the
9 law. In other words, if we don't need it, we won't
10 ask for it particularly when it comes to information
11 like address, race, religion, employer and other
12 things that many people are now fearful of. Once
13 again, New York City is leading the way. This
14 country is now fearful, and my hope is as we often
15 do, lead the way. People see us and they follow.
16 Hopefully, they'll do that here. So, again, thanks
17 to everyone including Kelly Taylor and my Legislative
18 Director Mike Toomey, and I want to make sure I say
19 happy birthday to Megan Chin from the Housing
20 Committee whose birthday was yesterday and Kevin
21 Fagan, my Communication Director whose birthday is
22 today. Thank you.

23 CLERK: Matteo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I certainly want
25 to echo the comments of my good friend and colleague

2 Jimmy Vacca about property tax relief and—and I
3 assure that's in my delegation and the new counsel
4 will—will continue the—the fight and advocate for
5 property relief and property tax rebates. So with
6 that, I'm voting no on 713–1713, 1714, and 1715. Also
7 on Intros 1557-A, 1579 and 1588 I'll be voting no,
8 and aye on the rest.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Van Bramer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye on
14 all. I also just want to take a moment. I don't
15 know if they're still here. I know we were joined
16 earlier or they're still, by Alicka Samuel and Keith
17 Powers. They were here for the member training
18 earlier this week, and I think it's Keith Powers'
19 birthday as well. So, welcome to the Chambers, and
20 they'll be the newest Council Members as of January.
21 So, thank you for being here with us, and I vote aye
22 on all. [pause] [background comment]

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay. All items
24 on today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a
25 vote of 47 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0

2 abstentions with the exception of Resolution 1713,
3 which was adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative,
4 5 negative and 0 abstentions; and Resolution 1714,
5 which was adopted by vote 42 in the affirmative, 5
6 negative and 0 abstentions; and Resolution 1715,
7 which was adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative,
8 5 negative and 0 abstentions; and Intro 1557-A, which
9 was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 3
10 negative and 0 abstentions; and Intro 1579-A--
11 [background comment] Quiet in the Chambers, please.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing]
13 We're almost done.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
15 please.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We're still in
17 session. Intro 1579-A, which was adopted by a vote
18 of 44 in the affirmative, 3 negative and 0
19 abstentions; and Intro 1558-A, which was adopted by
20 40-by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 3 negative and
21 0 abstentions. Introduction and Reading of Bills.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All items are
23 referred to the Committee, as indicated on their
24 agenda.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We have one
3 change in the vote. Council Member Miller.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
5 down, please.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: One correction.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote no on Reso
8 1713, 14 and 15. Is that correct? [pause]

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Welcome to the
10 City Council. Hello. [pause, background comments]
11 Okay, an amended tally. All items on today's General
12 Order Calendar were adopted by a vote of 47 in the
13 affirmative, 0 in negative and 0 abstentions with the
14 exception of Resolution 1713, which was adopted by a
15 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 6 negative and 0
16 abstentions, and Reso 1714, which was adopted by a
17 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 6 negative and 0
18 abstentions and Reso 1715, which was adopted by a
19 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 6 negative and 0
20 abstentions.

21 Now, discussion of Resolution. The
22 Resolution reads as follows: A Resolution calling
23 upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the
24 Governor to sign legislation to require all real
25 property conveyances to be memorialized by a deed

2 recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County
3 where such real property is situated. Anyone will-
4 wishing to speak on the resolution? Council Member
5 Vallone.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Madam Advocate,
7 just real quickly I want to thank you for the
8 resolution going to day. We sponsored this. It's-
9 it's one of those critical situations where many of
10 our seniors and homeowners are unaware that fraud is
11 being perpetuated upon their home. [background
12 comments]

13 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
15 [shushing for quiet]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Having this
17 requirement showing Albany that we stand united to
18 make sure that there is a notice requirement to
19 protect our deeds that are on file, and that
20 predators stop using the tactics that they do against
21 our seniors and all other homeowners would be a great
22 step. So, I urge everyone to vote aye on this.
23 Thank you, Madam Advocate.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
3 Council Member. Any other members? All those in
4 favor of this resolution say aye

5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those
7 opposed? Any abstentions. They ayes have it, and
8 now general discussion beginning with Council Member
9 King.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Thank you, Madam
11 Public Advocate. I just wanted to take a moment just
12 offer a brief message of thanks, as we embark on this
13 holy holiday seasons. As you all recently know, I
14 recently lost my dad, and I want to thank you all
15 again for your kind words and your support to my
16 family during this transition and, of course, you
17 know, the loss of my dad for so many things in life
18 and to another perspective. As we gather today, some
19 of us will be leaving soon and we will--

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
21 [shushing for quiet]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: --some new friends
23 in this building--

24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
25 down, please.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: --who will be
3 joining the Council shortly, and I want to
4 congratulate them and thank them for their commitment
5 to serving our communities. With the election behind
6 us I want us all to give thanks for the opportunity
7 to serve, and to make our constituents who we serve,
8 those who will need us—who need us the most, our
9 seniors without heat, our parents worrying about lead
10 paint in their apartments, those young people aging
11 out of foster care trying to find their place in the
12 world. I thank you, my colleagues for your service,
13 and I ask that we all try to keep that spirit of
14 service in our mind, the calling that we have to do
15 the right thing by those who put us in office, and
16 finally be thankful to our parents, our families, our
17 staffs, our friends and to all who will participate
18 in helping us do this work we do each and every day.
19 So, with that, I am grateful, thankful, and I wish
20 everyone a happy holiday. God bless.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
22 Council Member-Elect Keith Powers, happy birthday.
23 Council Member King. No, I'm sorry. Council Member
24 Williams. Excuse me.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
3 much. Last year Republic Congress Member Mark Kirk--

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
5 please. Keep it down, please.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
7 Excuse me, Council Member. We are still in session.
8 Please keep your conversations to a minimum or take
9 them outside. Thank you. Council Member Williams
10 has the floor.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
12 Actually, I think it was Republican Senator Mark Kirk
13 who was voted out of office for his support of gun
14 control measures. I thought that that was removed to
15 the Speaker by my colleague Council Member Liz
16 Crowley. I know she left today, but I wanted to
17 honor her for her convictions that she stood in terms
18 of homeless shelters and in terms of closing down
19 Rikers. It was an illumination of how hard it is for
20 some people to do what they do, and the courage that
21 it takes. Some of us have to have more than others.
22 There were two other Congress members who were voted
23 out several years ago also in the Republican Party,
24 and the risks that they take to do the moral
25 conviction--what their morals convict them to do, and

2 I think Council Member Crowley did that, and she
3 should be applauded for that. And I can only imagine
4 all of us who would take those risks. If we're in a
5 comfort zone, we probably have to push a little
6 further like Council Member Crowley did, and I think
7 if we did that, this city would be a much better
8 place. So, I just wanted to lift her name up today
9 and applaud her courage. Thank you. [pause]
10 [applause]

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: She is certain a
12 profile in courage. Council Member Treyger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,
14 Public Advocate. Colleagues, as many of you are
15 aware, a teenage girl was raped by two Brooklyn South
16 Narcotic Detectives in my district in September. The
17 detectives tried to mount a defense by claiming it
18 was consensual. They have since resigned, but we
19 need strong laws in place to make sure this never
20 happens again. My consent legislation will make it
21 clear that anyone in the custody of a law enforcement
22 official is incapable of giving genuine consent to
23 sexual contact. I commend Kings County District
24 Attorney Eric Gonzalez for moving swiftly to bring
25 charges against these detectives, but the victim in

2 this case is a teenager who will now be forced to
3 relieve the trauma of this crime in the public eye.
4 If my bill was already law, the District Attorney
5 wouldn't have to prove this was a rape case. There
6 would be no consent defense. In addition to my bill,
7 I'm also introducing a resolution that calls on state
8 lawmakers to amend the State Penal Code to end the
9 loophole that allowed the detectives to claim that
10 the rape was consensual. There can be no meaningful
11 consent when you're in the custody of a law
12 enforcement officer. State law wisely recognizes
13 that inmates can't give consent to corrections
14 officers and parolees can't give consent to parole
15 officers. All law enforcement officials must be held
16 to the same standards. I want to thank all the
17 advocates, and the Public Advocate who have already
18 shown so much support, my colleagues who have shown
19 support. I'd like to give again a big thanks to
20 Public Advocate Tish James who joined me yesterday to
21 show her strong support on this issue. This is just
22 the very beginning of many more necessary
23 conversations we must have regarding the nature of
24 sexual consent and power dynamics. We must make sure

2 our laws are in line with common sense and moral
3 decency. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
5 Council Member, and lastly Council Member Miller.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
7 Public Advocate. (coughs) Today, I call on my
8 colleagues in the Council to adopt-

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Please
10 keep it down, please.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: --Resolution 1716
12 calling on the UN Security Council to urge the
13 (coughs) to urge the government of Myanmar to
14 immediately cease the hostiles--the hostile acts
15 against Rohingya Muslims and permit the safe return
16 of these refugees. Since August, Myanmar security
17 forces have engaged in what the U.N. Human Rights
18 commission has described as textbook ethnic cleansing
19 to the Rohingya state Muslim population including
20 acts such as burning villages, mass executions
21 between 5 and 10,000 infants and families, and as
22 reported yesterday Human Rights watched the
23 systematic sexual assault and rape of women and girls
24 estimated in the hundreds. [background comment] To
25 date, the UN Security Council--

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
3 [shushing for quiet]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: --has yet to
5 achieve consensus.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: To date, the UN
8 Security Council has yet to achieve consensus taking
9 forceful actions to condemn--condemn these atrocities.
10 Despite the fact that there is a "mounting evidence"
11 to suggest that these facts are present and genocide
12 certainly exists the population according to the U.S.
13 Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Southeast Asian
14 Human Right Advocacy groups. The international
15 communities' failure to act upon this has led to
16 rapidly worsening humanitarian crisis that has
17 compelled more than a half a million Rohingyans to
18 see refuge in nearby Bangladesh. The situation in
19 Myanmar is dire, and it is imperative this body as a
20 matter of principle take unequivocal stands against
21 these horrors. I want to thank the Speaker for her
22 support of this resolution, and joining me on this
23 reso--on this Resolution Council Members Van Bramer,
24 Constantinides, Lancman, Menchaca, Barron and Koo. I

2 urge the rest of the colleagues to sign on as well.

3 Thank you, Madam Public Advocate.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any other
5 speakers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: No. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now to close,
8 the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Well, thank you
10 again to my colleagues. Hopefully, I'll see some of
11 you now at 3:30 with the alumni--I guess yes that are
12 going to be meeting next door, or actually
13 downstairs, but thank you all, and see you at the
14 next Stated.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing] And
17 with that, we're adjourned. [gavel]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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